

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 709

By Brooks H

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Gibbs High School softball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of student athletes is the Gibbs High School softball team, which recently achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2017 season by capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Murfreesboro Sports Complex & McKnight Fields in Murfreesboro, the young Lady Eagles made their way across the bracket by defeating Coffee County Central High School with a score of 8-2, Ooltewah High School with a score of 7-3, and Powell High School with a score of 6-2; and

WHEREAS, their final opponent was a rematch with the Powell High School Lady Panthers, and through teamwork and sheer athletic prowess, the Lady Eagles soared to victory, with a final score of 7-5; and

WHEREAS, this magnificent triumph concludes a remarkable season for the Gibbs softball team, which not only included its tenth state championship but also its fourth consecutive District 3-AAA championship and twenty-second consecutive district title overall; and

WHEREAS, the members of this amazing team include Olivia Wheeler, Josie Huff, Kristen Theilmann, Leah Sohm, Kaleigh Caldwell, Rayna Pendleton, Teagan Beard, Amalee

Hawkins, Macey Hughes, Chloe Martin, Faith Simpkins, Megan Turner, Savannah Clapp, Morgan Overholser, Bailey Reagan, Dacey Jenkins, Kennedy Henry, Ardeja McMillan, Jade Mullins, Sierra Hucklebee, Sydney Cope, and Kayley Kern; and

WHEREAS, these state champions all benefited from the vast knowledge and stellar guidance of their head coach, Carol Mitchell, and their assistant coaches, Alex Walker and Brad Turner; and

WHEREAS, the young women of the Gibbs High School softball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance, and with the help of their coaches, parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, they have represented their school and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the softball field; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the Gibbs Lady Eagles etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable softball season but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Gibbs High School softball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AAA State Championship and extend to the team's members our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.